(Qty. in '000 tonnes)

State	Particulars	Urea	DAP	MOP	Complex
Andhra Pradesh	Demand/Assessed requirement	2750.00	850.00	585.00	2050.00
	Supply (Availability)	2783.63	997.50	627.49	1649.79
	Sales	2733.00	997.39	603.57	1629.86

As can be seen, there is no shortage of Urea, DAP and MOP in Andhra Pradesh. As regards to complex fertilizers, there is slight tightness in availability because of low level of indigenous production. But the shortage in complex fertilizers has been compensated by additional supplies of DAP to the tune of 1.47 LMT. As such there is no shortage of 'P' in the State.

Allocation and offtake of foodgrains for Kerala

164. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reduction in the monthly allocation of rice and wheat for Kerala;

(b) if so, what is the reason for the reduction in allocation;

(c) whether there is any reduction in the offtake of rice for APL card holders in the last six months; and

(d) what is the offtake of rice for APL card holders in the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) Allocation of food grains for BPL and AAY families have been maintained @ 35 kg. per family per month as per entitlement for all States and UTs, including Kerala. However, allocations of APL rice and wheat to States and UTs are being made based on availability of food grains in the Central Pool.

In 2008-09, allocation of rice was initially made on the basis of average of offtake in the previous two years. However, allocation of wheat was made at 2007-08 level. Kerala was thus made initial monthly allocation of 17056 tons of rice and 11777 tons of wheat in 2008-09. However, subsequently, on the basis of requests from the State and higher availability of food grains in the central pool, *adhoc*/additional/festival allocation of 1.46 lakh tons of rice was made taking the total rice allocation to the State to 3.51 lakh tons as against the previous year's allocation of 3.07 lakh tons and offtake of 2.94 lakh tons. In addition, annual allocation of 1.61 lakh tons of wheat under APL category has also been made.

For current year 2009-10, monthly allocation of 36,056 tons of rice and 11777 tons of wheat under APL category has been made thereby substantially increasing the annual allocation of rice to 4.33 lakh tons as compared to last year's allocation of 3.51 lakh tons.

The allocation and offtake of rice under APL category during the last one year month-wise have been as follows:-

Month 2008	Allocation (tons)	Offtake (tons)
April	17056	19592
May	27056	39773
June	27056	19604
July	17056	14174
August	27056	11048
September	22056	10030
October	22056	15000
November	22056	26399
December	28056	30018
January	47056	28031
February	47056	42631
March	47056	49565
TOTAL:	350672	305865

Food Bank for SAARC countries

165. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to contribute foodgrains for a Food Bank being set up to meet the emergency food demands of SAARC countries;

(b) if so, the share of each country, country-wise, proposed to be contributed for the purpose; and

(c) the process to be adopted for operationalization of the proposed Food Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has contributed 1,53,200 tons of foodgrains for SAARC Food Bank which has initial capacity of 2,43,000 tons to meet emergency food demands of members of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

The assured share of each SAARC member country in the SAARC Food Bank is given below:-